

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
in Executive Session held on December 8, 2020:**

1. Unanimously voted (6-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on October 27, 2020.

[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn, Chairperson; Arianne Corrente, Vice Chairperson; Kyle P. Palumbo, Secretary; M. Therese Antone; J. Douglas Bennett; and Emili B. Vaziri.

ABSTENTION: Timothy Murphy.]

- 1) Unanimously voted (7-0) in the matter of **In re: James H. Brady, Jr.**, Complaint No. 2020-3, to enlarge the time period within which the Commission must conduct a probable cause hearing and issue its related findings in this matter by 60 days.
2. Unanimously voted (7-0) in the matter of **In re: Suzanna Alba**, Complaint No. 2020-5, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics and authorized an investigation.

An Initial Determination is a preliminary vote that should not be construed as an opinion regarding the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint but is merely a vote to conduct an investigation into the allegations raised.

3. Unanimously voted (7-0) in the matter of **In re: Steven Merolla**, Complaint No. 2020-6, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics and authorized an investigation.

An Initial Determination is a preliminary vote that should not be construed as an opinion regarding the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint but is merely a vote to conduct an investigation into the allegations raised.

4. Unanimously voted (7-0) to return to Open Session.